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OFFICIAL REPORTS

Bridgewater
N. H.

1931

ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,
Road Agents, School Board
and Other Officials

— OF THE —

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

— FOR —

THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1931



BRISTOL, N. H.
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1931

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
BUREAU OF
THE
LAND OFFICE
FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 1891

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THE YEAR ENDING JAN 31 1892

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN CLERK

JOHN L. MORRISON

SELECTMEN

G. THORNTON YOUNG ALBA H. CARPENTER
HARRIS W. HAMMOND

TREASURER

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

JOSEPH H. MORRISON

ROAD AGENTS

HARRY W. SMITH ROBERT W. GILPATRIC

AUDITOR

EDITH E. PERKINS

MODERATOR

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

HEALTH OFFICER

JOSEPH H. MORRISON

FIRE WARDEN

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER

SUPERVISORS

ETHEL M. YOUNG EDWIN D. MORRILL
GEORGE W. SNOW

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

SHERMAN S. FLETCHER ELDORUS SMITH
DAVID B. CLEMENT

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

HATTIE N. M. MORRISON MILAN A. BAILEY
JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER

POLICE

REGINALD C. MORRILL

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

CHARLES E. SPENCER

FENCE VIEWER

HERMAN F. JOHNSON

HOG REEVE

IRA A. MORRILL

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing, and to choose a Selectman for the three years ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for same.

3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (Town Roads).

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the law in regard to Trunk Line Maintenance, and make appropriation for same.

5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the law in regard to State Aid Construction of Highways and make appropriation for same.

6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of the law in regard to State Aid Maintenance of Highways and make appropriation for same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of the law in regard to State Aid on Bridges and make appropriation for same.

8. To see what action the Town will vote to take in regard to the further improvement of the Point Road, so called, to make the necessary appropriation and elect an Agent.

9. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for Snow Removal.

10. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the Snow Removal Equipment Fund.

11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the Observance of Old Home Day.

12. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the Observance of Memorial Day.

13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-one.

G. T. YOUNG,
H. W. HAMMOND,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

G. T. YOUNG,
H. W. HAMMOND,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY FOR THE YEAR 1930

Land and buildings	\$ 487,000.00
Horses, 35	3,185.00
Oxen, 4	375.00
Cows, 66	4,815.00
Other neat stock, 23	1,455.00
Sheep, 13	78.00
Fowls	155.00
Portable mills, 2	1,000.00
Boats and launches, 59	8,875.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	2,915.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	1,850.00
Mills and machinery	2,000.00
Polls, 99 at \$2.00	\$ 198.00
National bank stock taxes	10.00

Total valuation	\$ 513,703.00
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Property taxes committed to collector	\$ 12,070.49
Polls committed to collector	198.00
National bank stock taxes	25.00

Total amount of taxes	\$ 12,293.49
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Rate per cent	.0235
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AMOUNTS RAISED

For:

Town charges	\$ 500.00
Highways and bridges (town)	2,100.00
Trunk line maintenance	1,200.00
State aid construction	1,365.00

State aid maintenance	\$ 150.00
Snow removal	1,200.00
Whittemore Point Road construction	2,000.00
Replacement of snow removal equipment	800.00
Old Home day	20.00
Memorial day	12.00
Schools	4,097.34
State tax	1,263.60
County tax	1,203.21
	\$ 15,911.15

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer, Feb. 1, 1931	\$ 1,701.65
Cash in hands of collector, Feb. 1, 1931	7.80
Uncollected taxes, levy of 1929	3.60
Uncollected taxes, levy of 1930	165.39
Interest on uncollected taxes due	2.81
Due from state	
Joint highway accounts, state aid construction	57.78
Due from county, Union Bridge repairs	148.00
	\$ 2,087.03

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES

Due school district, dog licenses 1930	\$ 90.60
Joint highway accounts	
Unexpended balance in state treasury	57.78
Unexpended balance in town treasury	57.78
	\$ 206.16

Surplus, Jan. 31, 1930	\$ 1,451.26
Surplus, Jan. 31, 1931	1,880.87

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, building	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture	50.00
Libraries, books	200.00
Highway department, building	300.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Schools, land and buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	200.00
	\$ 6,950.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received:

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1930	\$ 1,274.41
From selectmen	10,574.22
From tax collector, 1929	252.73
From tax collector, 1930	12,095.48
From town clerk, dog licenses	90.60
From town clerk, automobile registration permits	529.83
	\$ 24,817.27

Paid:

On selectmen's orders	\$ 23,115.62
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1931	1,701.65
	\$ 24,817.27

S. S. FLETCHER,
Treasurer.

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTORS

Joseph H. Morrison, collector, 1929:

Uncollected, Feb. 1, 1930	\$ 208.20
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1930	38.40
Interest on hand Feb. 1, 1930	.51
Interest collected after Feb. 1, 1930	9.22

\$ 256.33

By cash paid treasurer	\$ 252.73
Uncollected Jan. 31, 1931, Cities Service Co.	3.60

\$ 256.33

Joseph H. Morrison, collector, 1930:

To amount of tax list	\$ 12,291.49
Tax added	2.00
Interest	10.68

\$ 12,304.17

By cash paid treasurer	\$ 12,095.48
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Abatements

A. D. Follsbee	\$ 2.00
Jennie Follsbee	2.00
Rose Hall	2.00
Clifford Farquhar	2.00
Alice Farquhar	2.00
Eugene Perkins	2.00
Ashley P. Whipple	16.45
Standard Oil Co. of New York	7.05

\$ 35.50

Uncollected Jan. 31, 1931	165.39
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1931	7.80

\$ 12,304.17

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property taxes committed to collector 1930	\$ 12,070.49
Less discount and abatement 1930	23.50
Less uncollected 1930	158.39
Property taxes current year, collected	\$ 11,888.60
Poll taxes current year, collected, 89½ at \$2	179.00
Property and poll taxes previous years, collected	204.60
National bank stock taxes	25.00
Total of above collections	\$ 12,297.20

From state

State aid maintenance	\$ 185.49
State aid construction	859.90
Trunk line maintenance	1,899.87
Snow removal	153.58
Class V highways maintenance	157.97
Interest and dividend tax	3,256.80
Insurance tax	7.50
Railroad tax	10.80
Savings bank tax	562.16
Pine blister rust, unexpended money	.40
Forest fires	10.95
	\$ 7,105.42

From local sources, except taxes

Dog licenses	\$ 90.60
Interest on taxes	20.41
Guard rail damage	42.00
Union bridge, town of Plymouth	148.00

Snow removal	\$ 38.00	
Registration motor vehicle permits	529.83	
		\$ 868.84
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		3,000.00
		\$ 23,271.46
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1930		1,312.81
		\$ 24,584.27

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town officers' salaries	\$ 389.25	
Town officers' expenses	150.84	
Town reports	38.12	
		\$ 578.21
Police department	\$ 181.25	
Fire department	272.12	
		\$ 453.37
Vital statistics		\$ 2.50
Highways and bridges		
State aid maintenance	\$ 392.65	
Trunk line maintenance	3,119.77	
Town maintenance	2,437.15	
Snow removal	1,617.85	
Union bridge, painting	165.75	
		\$ 7,733.17
Library tax		18.90
Old Home day appropriation		20.00
Bounties		15.40
Railroad crossing sign repaired		1.50
Interest on temporary loans		98.50
Highway construction		
State aid construction		2,366.83
Town construction		2,100.49
Temporary loans		3,000.00
State tax		1,263.60
County tax		1,203.21
School district		4,019.14
Total payments	\$ 22,874.82	
Snow removal equipment fund	800.00	
Cash, Jan. 31, 1931	909.45	
		\$ 24,584.27

PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

H. W. Hammond, selectman	\$ 79.50
A. H. Carpenter, selectman	61.00
G. T. Young, selectman	102.50
S. S. Fletcher, treasurer	32.00
John L. Morrison, town clerk	58.42
Joseph H. Morrison, collector of taxes	75.00
Edith E. Perkins, auditor, 1929	3.00
S. S. Fletcher, moderator	8.00
John C. Ray, town officers' bonds	80.00
E. C. Eastman Co., tax and mortgage books, etc.	24.59
W. J. Randolph, list of transfers	5.08
N. H. Assessors Association, dues 1930	2.00
Musgrove Printing House, town reports	38.12
Musgrove Printing House, check lists, etc.	9.00
	\$ 578.21

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reginald C. Morrill, police officer	\$ 20.00
Edgar M. Calley, night patrol	161.25
	\$ 181.25

FIRE DEPARTMENT

S. S. Fletcher, warden	\$ 25.00
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Sleeper Fire

Bristol Fire Precinct	\$ 28.00
H. W. Smith	6.00
W. R. Merrill	4.12
C. E. Page and Z. Brock	6.00

To be paid by owner	\$ 44.12
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Whittemore Fire

Bristol Fire Precinct	\$ 105.00
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Bowler Fire

Bristol Fire Precinct	\$ 98.00
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	\$ 272.12
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VITAL STATISTICS

John L. Morrison, town clerk, fees	\$ 2.00
J. W. Coolidge, M.D., birth returns	.50

	\$ 2.50
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Union Bridge Repairs

Paid the town of Ashland	
Labor painting bridge	\$ 87.00
Paint	78.75

	\$ 165.75
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Barber Bridge

A. H. Carpenter, agent:

Paid for work in 1929 not paid for

Team, hauling lumber	\$ 9.36
Team, filling	21.00
Labor	46.64
Fill	15.90

 \$ 92.90

Paid for work in 1930

Posts and railing	\$ 8.60
Labor	12.28
Fill	1.00

 \$ 21.88
Hunkins Brook Bridge

A. H. Carpenter, agent:

Posts and railing	\$ 5.98
Spikes	.50
Labor	15.11

 \$ 21.59
State Aid Maintenance

W. E. Martin, patrolman:

Labor and team	\$ 246.75
Guard rail, material	29.93
Guard rail, labor	22.00
Guard rail, painting	13.00
Labor	58.97
Gravel	22.00

 \$ 392.65

Received from state	\$ 185.49
Expended by state	8.84

Trunk Line Maintenance

Sunapee trunk line, C. E. Ross, patrolman:	
Labor, material and truck	\$ 3,099.77
Charged to snow removal account by highway department	10.00
To be credited by highway department in 1931 account	10.00
Total paid by town	\$ 3,119.77
F. F. Fenton, resurfacing	\$ 120.68
"Rotar" for surfacing and patching	1,180.27
Machinery, paint, etc.	236.65
Town of Ashland, D. W. highway maintenance	147.75
Total paid by state	\$ 1,685.35
Received from state	\$ 1,899.87

State Aid Construction

River road, A. H. Carpenter, agent:	
Labor, teams and trucks	\$ 1,723.80
Tools, dynamite, etc.	30.71
Gravel and fill, delivered to job	427.45
Guard rail	11.59
Cement	58.50
Total paid by town	\$ 2,252.05
To be credited by state in 1931	84.86
	\$ 2,167.19
Paid by state	447.39
Received from state	859.90

Snow Removal

D. A. Bucklin, agent for town:

Plowing, labor, self and helper	\$ 327.27
Repairs on plow, material	38.65
Repairs on plow, labor	96.55
Tractor repairs, material, parts, etc.	531.06
Tractor repairs, labor includes greasing	172.20
Gas, oil and grease	174.41
Moving rocks	49.66
	\$ 1,389.80

Stove pipe for tractor house (old bill)	\$ 6.68
Insurance on tractor	\$ 19.75

C. E. Ross, Sunapee trunk line:

Sanding	\$ 80.88
Rail markers	16.95
Erecting snow fence	47.62
Cutting ice and clearing culverts	56.17
	\$ 201.62
	\$ 1,617.85

Received from state for plowing \$ 153.58

G. T. YOUNG,
H. W. HAMMOND,
A. H. CARPENTER,
Selectmen of Bridgewater.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Harry W. Smith, Agent, West Side

Paid:

Don E. Brock, repairs on road machine	\$ 4.00
W. S. H. Remick, dynamite	8.95
Charles E. Spencer, bridge plank and culvert	29.00
Ora Morrill, labor	96.25
Chas. E. Page, labor	3.50
Manson Morrill, labor	43.75
M. A. Innes, labor	4.50
Everett Morrill, labor	112.00
John Morrill, labor	15.00
Ed. Vinton, labor	17.50
Ira Morrill, labor	196.00
Sam Ferguson, installing culvert	50.53
Victor Morrill, trucking	36.00
F. E. Bailey, gravel	1.80
H. W. Hammond, gravel	8.50
Follansbee & Mitchell, tools	5.80
H. W. Smith, agent, team and gravel	391.92
	\$ 1,025.00

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Robert W. Gilpatric, Agent, East Side

Paid:

New England Metal Culvert Co., culvert	\$ 46.00
J. L. Jenness, labor and truck	186.00
R. G. Gilpatric, labor	174.75
E. P. Wiser, labor and team	17.00
Gustave Andersen, labor	21.00
Geo. W. Cass, labor and tractor	45.50
Leslie Park, labor	14.00
Walter Blake, labor	8.75
K. A. Jenness, labor	34.25
Verton and Melvin Gilpatric, labor	59.00
Paul Youngman, labor	24.00
Josephine H. Fletcher, gravel	4.80
Marietta Gilpatric, auto	7.50
C. C. Fletcher, labor	3.00
Leonard Mitchell, labor	3.60
A. W. Stoll, labor	1.10
Joe Prevost, labor	1.50
G. M. Roberts, labor	5.50
O. A. Brown, dynamite	15.00
W. B. Brown, tools	10.65
R. W. Gilpatric, agent, labor and team	729.25
	\$ 1,412.15

WHITTEMORE POINT ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Harry W. Smith, Agent

South End

Paid:

Will F. Morrill, 563 loads gravel at 15c	\$ 84.45
Hugh Noyes, for gravel	2.00
Victor Morrill, truck 25 days	300.00
Eldorus Smith, for rail posts	4.00
Follansbee & Mitchell, spikes and paint	10.85
Lawrence Morrill, labor	9.00
Everett Morrill, labor	99.75
Manson Morrill, labor	105.00
John Morrill, labor	96.25
Ira Morrill, labor	102.00
Ora Morrill, labor	29.75
Joseph Breck & Son, rails	12.16
Harry W. Smith, team, etc.	144.79

\$ 1,000.00

Appropriation \$ 1,000.00

North End

Paid:

N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culvert	\$ 228.80
C. N. Merrill & Son, cement	25.60
Keezer Bros., lumber	22.65
Follansbee & Mitchell	13.26
Will F. Morrill, for gravel	100.00
D. A. Bucklin, truck	120.00
Victor Morrill, truck	156.00
Lawrence Morrill, labor	9.00

Wesley Brown, labor	\$ 5.25
Ira Morrill, labor	84.00
Ed. Vinton, labor	56.00
Ora Morrill, labor	40.25
John Morrill, labor	56.75
Everett Morrill, labor	68.25
Harry W. Smith, gravel	8.09
Harry W. Smith, team	135.00
	\$ 1,128.90

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
G. R. S. Denton, paid for culvert	50.00
Class V highway money	78.90
	\$ 1,128.90

This to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agents and Tax Collector and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDITH EVELYN PERKINS,
Auditor.

TRUST FUNDS

Emerson cemetery fund	\$ 581.38
Old Home cemetery fund	780.00
Whittemore Point cemetery fund	730.00
Webster cemetery fund	65.00
Cross fund for care Webster cemetery	78.00
	\$ 2,234.38

Paid:

Emerson cemetery fund	\$ 4.00
Old Home cemetery fund	20.00
Whittemore Point cemetery fund	4.00
Webster cemetery fund	12.50
Balance in banks	2,193.88
	\$ 2,234.38

D. B. CLEMENT,
E. SMITH,
S. S. FLETCHER,
Trustees of Trust Funds of Bridgewater.

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash in bank	\$ 275.68
Library tax	18.90

\$ 294.58

Paid for care of books:

E. J. Bailey	\$ 5.00
H. N. M. Morrison	5.00
J. H. Fletcher	5.00
David C. Cook Co., books	3.90
Balance on hand	275.68

\$ 294.58

H. N. M. MORRISON,
MILAN C. BAILEY,
J. H. FLETCHER,
Library Trustees.

OLD HOME DAY

Received:

From last year	\$ 1.43
From town treasurer	20.00

\$ 21.43

Paid:

50 lbs. Beans	\$ 6.00
12 lbs. Salt pork	2.40
2 lbs. Butter	1.00
8 Loaves bread	.96
5 lbs. Sugar	.30
2 Lamp chimneys	.40
4 lbs. Coffee	2.00
Molasses and mustard	.30
Baking beans	5.00
Wood	1.00
Balance on hand	2.07

\$ 21.43

S. S. FLETCHER, Agent.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

- In Bridgewater, N. H., July 7, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs.
Custer A. Chase, a daughter, Agnes L.
- In Bridgewater, N. H., March 15, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs.
William D. Hall, a son, Charles Henry.
- In Bridgewater, N. H., Oct. 21, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs.
Paul H. Youngman, a son, Charles Louis.

MARRIAGES

- In Laconia, N. H., July 23, 1930, George W. B. Cass to
Pearl Mae Machand.
- In Bridgewater, N. H., Sept. 26, 1930, Herman F.
Johnson to Maud M. Potheary.
- In Hebron, N. H., Sept. 10, 1930, Victor C. Morrill to
Pearl E. Merrill.
- In Hebron, N. H., June 16, 1930, Reginald C. Morrill to
Ermine Adams.
- In Bristol, N. H., Nov. 15, 1930, Robert M. Stanley to
Lillian M. Kendall.
- In Bridgewater, N. H., July 26, 1930, Freeman M. Welch
to Reba M. Morrill.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRIDGEWATER ANNUAL REPORT, 1929-1930

OFFICERS AND STAFF

School Board—Sherman S. Fletcher, Chairman; Mrs. Edith E. Perkins, J. H. Morrison.

Clerk—Josephine H. Fletcher.

Auditor—Eugene F. Perkins.

Enumerator—Cyrus C. Fletcher.

Supt. of Schools—Vincent Gatto, Ed.M., Ashland, N. H.

Moderator—S. S. Fletcher.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1929-1930

River Road School—Teacher, Alice W. Ashley; number of pupils, 16; half days in session, 352; per cent of attendance, 97; number of tardiness, 16; visits by citizens, 19; number of visits by school board, 5; number of visits by superintendent, 20.

Hill School—Teacher, Zanita Spencer; number of pupils, 6; half days in session, 356; per cent of attendance, 97; number of tardiness, 37; visits by citizens, 17; visits by school board, 1; visits by the superintendent, 15.

The following pupils from the schools indicated above attained the distinction of perfect attendance for the terms indicated for the year 1929-1930 and are worthy of honorable mention.

River Road School—Donald Atwood, three terms; Elizabeth Atwood, two terms; Marjorie Atwood, two terms; Roland Cass, one term; Eda Cass, two terms; Beatrice Cass, three terms; Walter Hall, one term; William Hall, two terms.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT
1929-1930

Cash on hand June 30, 1929	\$ 0.00
Received from selectmen	
Appropriations for current year	\$ 3,995.02
Dog tax	48.60
Received from state treasurer	211.56
Received from all other sources	16.19
	\$ 4,271.37
Total amount available for fiscal year	\$ 4,271.37
Less school board orders paid	\$ 3,938.83
Balance on hand June 30, 1930	\$ 332.54

JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,
District Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Bridgewater School Board:

In accordance with the usual custom, I hereby submit a brief report of the activities of your school and the superintendent for the past two years.

In 1929, the Ashland Supervisory Union, of which Bridgewater has been a part for a number of years, was reorganized, so that now the Union consists of Ashland, Bridgewater, Groton, Holderness, Hebron, and New Hampton. I assumed my duties as superintendent of your schools in August of 1929. Since then I have managed to become acquainted with the geography of the various districts, with the school boards, the six groups of teachers, and the scholars. I have observed and studied the social, economic, and educational factors of the communities over which my duties extend.

I have secured and furnished textbooks and supplies for the teachers, scholars, and janitors. I have visited schools frequently and helped teachers with their classroom problems. Teachers' meetings have been called to discuss our problems. I have done all my office work without clerical assistance. I have attended board meetings in each of the six towns in our supervisory union. During the summer vacation, I have assisted in securing suitable teachers for the schools. These statements are made to inform the reader regarding the usual duties performed by the superintendent.

In the fall of 1929 I made a study of retardation, acceleration, and normal progress of the Bridgewater school children. I asked the teachers to make out age-grade tables of the year's enrollment of pupils. I used the tables to make a study of the school progress of children, from the point of view of yearly promotion.

All the children who made one grade a year for the number of years they have been in school, I considered as having made normal progress. The ones who skipped grades were considered accelerated, and the ones who have had to repeat were classified as retarded. The River Road School, with an enrollment of fourteen pupils had one retarded, none accelerated, that is, none unusually advanced for their age; and thirteen making normal progress. The Hill School, with an enrollment of six had three retarded, none accelerated, and three making normal progress.

During the fall term of 1929, intelligence tests were given in the two schools by the teachers under my direction. These tests helped us to find out whether or not the pupils were achieving in accordance with what we have a right to expect for their ability. We applied remedies in accordance with the needs of the individual pupils, as discovered by the tests, and the teachers' and superintendent's judgment.

Last June, one pupil, namely, William Hall of the River Road School, was graduated from the eighth grade. Appropriate exercises were held in the town hall before a large audience of interested citizens.

This year our graduating class has a larger number. The River Road School has four, the Hill School has one, and the Turn Pike School has one. With six graduates we ought to plan a program of unusual interest, and should look forward to it as the biggest event of the year in the Bridgewater schools.

Bridgewater should be proud of the fact that she has six pupils attending high school in Ashland. This is a large number considering the size of our school population. It speaks well for the interest of the community in secondary education. We have arrived at a point in

American life when anyone without a high school education is at a great disadvantage in his struggle for a living, and in his enjoyment of the institutions of life.

Last spring pressure was brought to bear on the school board to reopen the Turn Pike School. The people from that part of Bridgewater wished that their children be educated in town. In consequence of that demand the school was opened. It is taught by a normal school graduate, and has eight pupils. The school board has conducted three schools with the appropriations which were originally intended for two. At this writing we do not know just how much state aid, if any, Bridgewater may expect. In all probability the school board will call on the school district at the March meeting for sufficient funds to meet the extra expense. The expense is not great, for the opening of the Turn Pike School has eliminated the cost of transportation for eight pupils to Bristol, plus their tuition.

Some of the greatest needs of our schools as I see them are the following: jacketed stoves for a more comfortable and even room temperature; chemical toilets to eliminate the dangers that usually go with the old fashioned toilet arrangements; adjustable desks and chairs to fit the size of the pupil; and proper playground facilities for organized and supervised games. These improvements are in keeping with present day trends in education. A good way to bring them about would be to improve a school a year for a period of two or three years. Your children should be given equal educational advantages with the boys and girls of other communities throughout the country.

Respectfully submitted,

VINCENT GATTO,
Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

RECEIPTS

State aid, equalization fund	\$ 188.06
Income from local taxation	
For support of elementary schools	\$ 3,995.02
From sources other than taxation	
Dog licenses	\$ 48.60
Credit memo. from Ginn & Company	1.19
Schoolhouse rent	15.00
Adjustment from state	23.50
	\$ 88.29
Total receipts from all sources	
	\$ 4,271.37
Grand total	\$ 4,271.37

EXPENDITURES

Salaries of district officers	\$ 60.00
Superintendent's excess salary	96.55
Truant officers and school census	4.75
Expenses of administration	6.00
Teachers' salaries	1,887.00
Text books	19.00
Scholars' supplies	46.62
Other expenses of instruction	4.04
Janitor service	72.00
Fuel	97.50
Water, light, janitor's supplies	6.67
Minor repairs and expenses	59.46
Medical inspection—Health supervision	27.50
Transportation of pupils	700.00

High school and academy tuition	\$ 521.74
Elementary school tuition	252.00
Tax for state wide supervision	78.00

Total expenditures \$ 3,928.83

* \$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable inventory is minimum required by law.

† To apply for state aid \$3,699.04 must be raised for elementary schools.

‡ Equalized valuation is \$739,807.00.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

S. S. Fletcher, town treasurer	\$ 1,620.00
S. S. Fletcher, balance due from town	2,375.02
Dog license	48.60
Henry E. Chamberlain, adjustment credit	188.06
Ginn and Company, credit memorandum	1.19
Miss Litchfield, rent of schoolhouse	15.00
State, adjustment fund	23.50
	\$ 4,271.37

SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET FOR 1931-1932

Support of schools	
Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,700.00
Textbooks	50.00
Scholars' supplies	50.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	10.00
Janitor service	108.00
Fuel	106.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	15.00
Minor repairs and expenses	75.00
Health supervision (medical inspection)	40.00
Transportation of pupils	720.00
Other special activities	10.00
Total	\$ 3,889.00
Other statutory requirements	
Salaries of district officers	\$ 60.00
Truant officer and school census	5.00
Payment of tuition in high schools and academies	830.00
Superintendent's excess salary	160.00
Per capita tax	85.00
Other obligations	5.00
	\$ 1,145.00
Total amount required to meet school board's budget	\$ 5,034.00

Estimated income of district

No state aid this year

Dog tax (estimate) \$ 67.80

Deduct estimated income \$ 4,966.20

Special appropriations

High school tuition for current year \$ 622.38

Total amount required to cover
 budget and special appropriations \$ 5,588.58

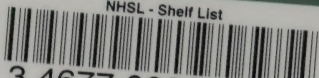
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